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NEW YORK (AP) -- THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION IS "BREAKING THE LAW" BY SUPPORTING PARAMILITARY GROUPS AGAINST NICARAGUA, AND THE ENTIRE SENATE SHOULD MEET IN SECRET TO STUDY THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS, SEN. CHRISTOPHER DODD SAID SUNDAY.

"THE EVENTS OF CENTRAL AMERICA ARE REACHING THE POINT WHERE I THINK IT BECOMES EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE THAT KIND OF A SESSION FOR THE ENTIRE SENATE SO WE CAN FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT OUR GOVERNMENT IS DOING, WHO WE ARE SUPPORTING, HOW FAR WE INTEND TO GO," SAID THE CONNECTICUT DEMOCRAT.

ALLEGATIONS HAVE SURFACED IN RECENT WEEKS THAT FORCES FIGHTING THE LEFTIST GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA HAVE BEEN LARGELY AIDED BY THE UNITED STATES. CONGRESS HAS BANNED U.S. FINANCING FOR ANY EFFORT TO TOPPLE THE SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT BY FORCE.

THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION, QUESTIONED FOR WEEKS ABOUT THE ALLEGATIONS, HAS SAID NOTHING TO DISCOURAGE SPECULATION THAT IT IS BEHIND THE INSURGENCY. BUT ALAN ROMBERG, THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S DEPUTY SPOKESMAN, HAS SAID ANY ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITY IN CENTRAL AMERICA IS LEGAL.

DODD, A MEMBER OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, ALSO CHARGED THE ADMINISTRATION IS PUTTING AN EMPHASIS ON MILITARY SOLUTIONS IN CENTRAL AMERICA, AND SAID IT IS CREATING TENSIONS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION MAY SOME DAY SEIZE UPON AS A JUSTIFICATION FOR SENDING U.S. TROOPS.

IN AN INTERVIEW ON THE CBS-TV PROGRAM "FACE THE NATION," HE SAID CONGRESS PROBABLY WOULD NOT SUPPORT ANY COMMITMENT OF U.S. MILITARY FORCES TO CENTRAL AMERICA.

"THE ADMINISTRATION, I THINK, WOULD PROBABLY THEN TRY TO CREATE A SCENARIO WHERE WE HAD TO INTERVENE MILITARILY, USING U.S. FORCES BECAUSE AN ALLY WAS UNDER ATTACK," HE SAID. "THAT'S EXACTLY THE KIND OF SCENARIO THAT BECOMES MORE FEASIBLE, MORE LIKELY, WITH THE PURSUANCE OF THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION POLICY. WE'RE GOING TO INFLAME THAT ENTIRE REGION."